

REPAID IN THEIR OWN COIN

Japs Attempt Surprise on Russians.

Made Effort to Steal Upon
Advance Guard of Czar's
Men.

Latter Too Alert and Brown Men
Compelled to Evacuate Town
of Shakhepu.

MUKDEN, Oct. 22.—The Japanese hurriedly evacuated Shakhepu, three miles east of Shalake station, on Thursday night in order to escape being surrounded. Under the cover of Thursday's fog they had tried to surprise the advance guard of one corps on the Russian right flank. The latter repaid them in their own coin with interest by taking Shakhepu on both flanks and not leaving the Japanese any alternative except a hurried flight. They abandoned a quantity of arms and ammunition. Several Japanese came into the Russian lines and voluntarily surrendered.

Total Losses 40,000.

The total losses during the ten days' fighting (the correspondent does not mention whether they were Russian or Japanese) were 40,000.

According to information from the advanced posts the night of October 20 passed quietly. No big developments are expected for several days.

Wanfun Pass Occupied.

The Army Messenger today announces that the Russian column eastward advanced October 18 and occupied without resistance Wanfun pass and the valley of Hunan pass, lying eastward.

Confirmed by Kuropatkin.

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas, under date of October 21, says:

"The Japanese retired from the village of Shakhe at nightfall October 20. Thursday night passed quietly along the entire front."

Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff, in a dispatch to the general staff, says:

"The retreat of the enemy from Shakhe was precipitate. We found in the village arms, munitions and provisions which had been abandoned by the Japanese who also left behind our old artillery position one cannon, four limbers and a wagon full of instruments they had previously captured from us. Since the battle of October 15 we have captured altogether fourteen Japanese guns, including nine field pieces and five mountain guns and have retaken one of our own lost guns. There was no fighting October 21 on the front of the Manchurian army."

WELL AT PORT ARTHUR.

Russians There Are Working on a
Sebastopol.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—A telegram received by the family of Naval Architect Keutnikoff, now at Port Arthur, dated October 14 and sent by way of Chefoo, says:

"All well. Do not be disheartened. We are working on a Sebastopol."

The Associated Press learns that the Baltic fleet will proceed to the Far East at a low, economical speed. There is no intention to have the fleet arrive there until February. The Admiralty expects the garrison of Port Arthur to hold out until the fleet arrives. According to calculations, if the garrison holds out another six weeks the fierce northeast gales which then begin will sweep the Yellow sea and constitute such danger to the Japanese warships that it will compel Admiral Togo to relax his blockade and the garrison will be able to secure a fresh supply of war munitions and food.

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pose of filling the gaps in the ranks of the corps now at the front. It is definitely stated that Gen. Gripenberg's Second army will be composed of the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Sixteenth European corps, the Sixth Siberian corps and several brigades of rifles, totaling approximately 200,000 men of all arms. Gen. Skugarevski has been appointed to command the Sixth European corps.

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THEY SAW THE PEASANTRY.

How a Kansas Cowboy Astonished
British Visitors to Grant Colony.

The report from a Hays City paper of the neglected condition of George Grant's grave will recall to old-timers in the West many interesting things about the colony of Britishers established by Grant in Ellis county, Kansas. One is still spoken of by early residents with considerable amusement. Not long after the centennial fair at Philadelphia, where Grant took a hatful of prizes on the first herd of polled Angus cattle imported into this country, he was the host of a big party of celebrities at his ranch in Ellis county. A number of these guests were from England. Some were the possessors of titles of nobility. Accompanying them were three well-known Americans from New York, Philadelphia and Boston. One of the speakers of the day was T. De Witt Talmage, the great pulpiteer. To meet them the leading local citizens of the region were invited. For their entertainment two of the prize polled Angus steers were barbecued. To house them a great circus tent was erected. To cheer them champagne was provided. And to amuse them and instruct them Grant assembled his many cowboys with some of their herds.

At the time Grant had a foreman, John Duncan by name. Duncan was six feet four inches in his stocking feet, a raw-boned, round-jawed, round-shouldered type of the Western American. Ordinarily he was of a rather gentle and retiring disposition. But when sufficiently filled with the great American beverage he became like unto the roaring lion or the Western blizzard which bowls over those who incautiously get within its way.

Duncan had been invited, or, rather, ordered, to appear on the scene. He slouched around, listening to the Britishers, who had considerable to say about the "peasantry." Occasionally he would drift around to the tent prepared for the "servants" and take on a few drinks of Kentucky rye. With each drink the stirrings of democracy grew stronger within his bosom. With each drink, too, he took greater offense at the rather supercilious Britishers, who looked upon the cowboys as humans of another kind.

Finally the hour for dinner arrived, the great party seated itself within the big tent about the tables, the prize steers were freely partaken of, and washed down with plenty of wine, and the toast list was well under way. But Duncan was not there. He found that he had been assigned to a place in the tent of the underlings. He did not eat anything, but he consumed more and more of the beverage which had been provided for his kind. Presently he arose and went quietly away.

The next moment a formidable apparition appeared at the door of the great tent. It was in the form of a big man in a red flannel shirt. Clutched in either hand was a Colt's 44.

"Want to see the peasantry, do ye?" he shouted, as he stood with legs spread out and the two guns wabbling around in the atmosphere in erratic curves.

"Well, watch the peasantry perform. Whoo-o-o-oo!" And bang! bang! bang! went those guns, while the British Lords and the Eastern dukes began to dive for the tent flaps and stood not on the dignity of their diving. "Whoo-hoo!" shouted the voice of Western barbarity in high glee, as it observed the sensation it was creating. "Look at this poor, humble worm of the soil!" he pleaded. "Gaze on this den of vipers and a volcano all rolled into one! Whoo-o-o-oo!" Hear the cowboys howl! Do we eat with the aristocracy? Well, I guess yes!"

By this time the tent was as empty as the weapons with which Mr. Duncan had been bombarding the atmosphere. He took out a knife and cut a few of the guy ropes, and let one end of the pavilion fall in ruins upon the deserted tables. In the meantime the guests had taken to the underbrush, and here and there could be seen a cautious head lifted to look upon the performance. At this point in the proceedings, however, Duncan was surrounded by his cowboy contemporaries and was carried away, shouting his defiance to "them dukes," as he called them, who had talked about the "peasantry" of western Kansas.—Kansas City Journal.

NOTE TO FRENCH CLERGY.

Pope Now at Work on One Which
Will Eliminate Politics.

ROME, Oct. 22.—The Pope is now working on a circular to be addressed to the French clergy. It will make no reference to politics. The pontiff will merely encourage the social and religious action of the clergy.

The fact that there will be no allusions to politics in the circular is looked upon here as ending the policy inaugurated by the late Pope Leo XIII. and Cardinal Rampolla, former papal secretary of state, which aimed at the transformation of the French Catholics into supporters of the republic. Pope Pius' recommendation being a union of good Catholics to defend religious interests.

"THANK YOU."

The Courteous Acknowledgment Is
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When two letter carriers of the Chicago postoffice were asked if people as a general rule say "Thank you" when they are handed letters or parcels, both men answered that comparatively few were so polite, says the Chicago Tribune.

The letter men, the most anxiously looked for public servants that ring doorbells in Chicago, men who make their rounds as regular as clockwork itself, the one class of callers that people are always glad to see on their doorsteps, say that the substantial men and women who have come over here from Norway and Sweden, who have prospered, built homes, and raised families, seem best to appreciate their work in reaching them every day in all kinds of weather with their mail.

One of the carriers said that it does not make any difference what kind of mail he delivers to them he always gets a cheerful "Thank you." The carrier may be known to contain a bill or it may have a black border, but its delivery always provokes the same two words.

It is surprising to know how many deliveries are made at back doors and through windows. In the outer districts, where the houses are small, one has no choice. To go to the front door means it necessary to go through the front room or parlor. At hundreds of such places mail is delivered at the rear, but many other people get their mail through a window. The carrier knocks on the window pane and at once the sash is raised and the letter or paper taken in. Sometimes the curtain is raised to reveal four or five frowny-headed units, all making a scramble to take in the letters.

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